MR. SPEAKER: Manoranjanji, it does not come under his Ministry.

*(Interruptions)*

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Sir, deep-sea fishing comes under the Food Processing Ministry. We issue permits for deep-sea fishing of foreign fishing vessels under this scheme. We are not directly funding for setting up fish processing units in private sector but are assisting the public/cooperative and joint sectors in this field.

MR. SPEAKER: The Member from Andhra Pradesh has put the same question.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Of course, it is the same question from the Member from Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He was asking whether the Government will take up fish processing at Port Blair. Sir, we have got a branch of the Fishery Survey of India at Port Blair to undertake the survey of fish resources.

*[Translation]*

**Cement Factories**

*500. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the places where cement factories are running at present in the country and the number of employees working therein;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up any cement factory during the Eighth Five Year Plan in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

*[English]*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT**

(a) The details of cement factories functioning in the country, in the organised sector, are given in the attached Annexure. Information about the number of employees working therein, is not being Centrally maintained.

(b) and (c) M/s. Cement Corporation of India, a public sector enterprises of the Government of India, had applied for change of location from Bhatinda (Punjab) to Bagpat (Uttar Pradesh) for setting up a cement grinding unit.

M/s. Darshan Oils (P) Ltd. had applied, under the Exempted Industries Registration Scheme, for setting up a mini cement plant in District Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh) for manufacture of cement with a capacity of 66,000 tonnes per annum.

Under the revised Licensing Policy, notified recently, no Industrial Licence is required for setting up new cement projects.

**ANNEXURE**

*(Lakh Tonnes)*

| *Sl. No.* | *Name of the Factory/ State/Region* | *Location* | *Installed Annual Capacity* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **NORTH** | | |
| *J&K* | | | |
| 1. | J&K Cement Ltd., Khrew . . . | Khrew | 2.00 |

| *Sl. No.* | *Name of the Factory/ State/Region* | *Location* | *Installed Annual Capacity* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | ***Himachal Pradesh*** | | |
| 1. | A.C.C. Ltd., Gagal | Bilaspur | 5.60 |
| 2. | CCI Ltd., Rajban | Paonta | 2.00 |
| | | Total | **7.60** |
| | ***Haryana*** | | |
| 1. | ACC Ltd., Bhupendra | Surajpur (Ambala) | 4.06 |
| 2. | CCI Ltd., Charkhidadri | Bhiwani | 1.72 |
| | | Total | **5.78** |
| | ***Uttar Pradesh*** | | |
| 1. | UP State Cement Corpn. Ltd., Chunar | Mirzapur | 16.80 |
| 2. | UP State Cement Corpn. Ltd., Churk | Sonebhadra | 4.75 |
| 3. | UP State Cement Corpn. Ltd., Dalla | Sonebhadra | 4.32 |
| 4. | Diamond Cement Works, Jhansi | Jhansi | 3.60 |
| | | Total | **29.47** |
| | ***Delhi Grinding Unit*** | Okhala, Delhi | **5.00** |
| | ***Rajasthan*** | | |
| 1. | Birla Cement, Chittorgarh | Chittorgarh | 9.00 |
| 2. | ACC Ltd., Lakheri | Bundi | 3.22 |
| 3. | Lakshmi Cement Works | Banas | 5.00 |
| 4. | Mangalam Cement Works | Kota | 4.00 |
| 5. | J.K. Synthetic Ltd., Nimbahera | Chittorgarh | 15.40 |
| 6. | DCM Inds., Shri Ram | Kota | 2.00 |
| 7. | Shri Cement Works, Beawar | Beawar | 6.00 |
| 8. | Jaipur Udyog Ltd., Sawaimadhopur | Sawaimadhopur | 10.00 |
| 9. | Udaipur Cement Works | Udaipur | 6.00 |
| | | Total | **60.62** |
| | | TOTAL NORTH | **110.47** |
| | EAST | | |
| | ***Assam*** | | |
| 1. | CCI Ltd., Bokajan | Karbi Ang-long | **2.00** |
| | ***Bihar*** | | |
| 1. | Kalyanpur Cement (Banjari) | Rohtas | 4.80 |
| 2. | ACC Ltd., Chaibasa | Singhubhum | 7.82 |
| 3. | Rohtas Industries | Rohtas | 6.20 |
| 4. | HMP, Khalari | Ranchi | 1.09 |
| 5. | ACC Ltd., Sindri | Dhanbad | 3.05 |
| 6. | Sone Valley Portland, Japla | Palamau | 2.54 |
| | | Total | **25.50** |

| *Sl. No.* | *Name of the Factory/ State/Region* | *Location* | *Installed Auunal Capacity* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | *Orissa* | | |
| 1. | Hira Cement, Bargarh | Sambalpur | 5.65 |
| 2. | Orissa Cement (Rajgangpur) | Sundergarh | 5.25 |
| | | Total | **10.90** |
| | *West Bengal* | | |
| 1. | Birla Cement (Durgapur) | Durgapur | 6.00 |
| 2. | Damodhar Slag Ltd. | Purulia | 2.60 |
| | | Total | **8.60** |
| | *Meghalaya* | | |
| 1. | Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Works | Shillong | **2.84** |
| | | TOTAL EAST | **49.84** |
| | WEST | | |
| | *Gujarat* | | |
| 1. | Shree Digvijay Cement Works, Ahmedabad | Ahmedabad | 1.00 |
| 2. | Narmada Cement, Magdalla | Surat | 6.67 |
| 3. | HMP Cement, Porbandar | Porbandar | 2.00 |
| 4. | Saurashtra Cement, Ranavav | Ranavav | 8.63 |
| 5. | Manor Investment, Sevalia | Kheda | 2.15 |
| 6. | Shree Digvijay Cement, Sikka | Jamnagar | 12.25 |
| 7. | Gujarat Ambuja Cement Works | Amreli | 7.00 |
| 8. | CC of Gujarat | Junagadh | 10.00 |
| 9. | Manor Investment, Dwarka | Jamnagar | 2.77 |
| | | Total | **52.47** |
| | *Maharashtra* | | |
| 1. | ACC Ltd., Chanda | Chanda | 5.60 |
| 2. | Narmada Cement, Ratnagiri | Ratnagiri | 3.33 |
| 3. | Larsen & Toubro | Chandrapur | 22.18 |
| 4. | Manikgarh Cement Works | Chandrapur | **10.00** |
| | | Total | **41.11** |
| | *Madhya Pradesh* | | |
| 1. | CCI Ltd., Akaltara | Bilaspur | 4.00 |
| 2. | Diamond Cements | Damoh | 5.25 |
| 3. | ACC Ltd., Jamul | Durg | 15.80 |
| 4. | Jaypee Rewa | Rewa | 20.00 |

| *Sl. No.* | *Name of the Factory/ State/Region* | *Location* | *Installed Annual Capacity* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5. | ACC Ltd., Kymore | Kymore | 7.82 |
| 6. | Maipur Cements | Satna | 8.00 |
| 7. | CCI Ltd., Mandhar | Raipur | 3.80 |
| 8. | Modi Cements Works | Raipur | 12.00 |
| 9. | CCI Ltd., Neemuch | Mandsaur | 4.00 |
| 10. | Raymond Cement Works | Bilaspur | 12.00 |
| 11. | Birla Cement, Satna | Satna | 15.50 |
| 12. | Century Cements, Tilda | Raipur | 8.00 |
| 13. | Vikram Cements | Mandsaur | 20.00 |
| | | Total | 136.17 |
| | | TOTAL WEST | 229.75 |
| | **SOUTH** | | |
| | *Karnataka* | | |
| 1. | Mysore Cements, Ammasandra | Tumkur | 7.00 |
| 2. | Kanoria Inds., Bagalkot | Bijapur | 3.30 |
| 3. | CCI Ltd., Kurkunta | Gulbarga | 2.00 |
| 4. | Bhadravati | -do- | 1.00 |
| 5. | ACC Ltd., Wadi | -do- | 16.00 |
| 6. | Indian Rayon (Rajashree) | -do- | 10.80 |
| 7. | Vasavadatta Cements | -do- | 5.00 |
| 8. | HMP Cements, Shahabad | -do- | 5.45 |
| | | Total | 50.55 |
| | *Kerala* | | |
| 1. | Malabar Cement (Palghat) | Palghat | 4.20 |
| | *Andhra Pradesh* | | |
| 1. | CCI Ltd., Adilabad | Adilabad | 4.00 |
| 2. | India Cement, Chilmkur | Cuddapah | 10.00 |
| 3. | Madras Cements, Jayanthipuam | Krishna | 7.50 |
| 4. | HMP, Kistna | Guntur | 2.14 |
| 5. | Kesoram Cements | Karimnagar | 9.00 |
| 6. | KCP, Macherla | Guntur | 2.54 |
| 7. | ACC Ltd., Mancherial | Adilabad | 3.35 |
| 8. | Andhra Cement, Nadikude | Guntur | 5.00 |
| 9. | Panyam Cements Works | Kurnool | 5.31 |
| 10. | Priyadarshini Cements Ltd. | Hyderabad | 6.00 |

| *Sl. No.* | *Name of the Factory/ State/Region* | *Location* | *Installed Annual Capacity* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11. | Orient Cements Ltd. | Adilabad | 9.00 |
| 12. | Rassi Cement | Nalgonda | 11.00 |
| 13. | Texmaco Cement Works | Cuddapah | 5.00 |
| 14. | CCI, Tandur | Rangareddy | 10.00 |
| 15. | Sri Vishnu Cement | Somajiguda | 5.00 |
| 16. | Andhra Cements, Vijayawada | Vijayawada | 2.40 |
| 17. | Andhra Cement, Visakhapatnam | Vijayawada | 5.00 |
| 18. | CCI Ltd., Yerraguntla | Cuddapah | 4.00 |
| | | Total | 107.70 |
| | *Tamil Nadu* | | |
| 1. | Tamil Nadu Cement, Alangulam | Kamarajar | 4.00 |
| 2. | Tamil Nadu Cement, Ariyalur | Trichy | 5.25 |
| 3. | Chettinad Cement Works, Karur | -do- | 6.00 |
| 4. | Dalmiapuram Cement (B) Ltd. | Tiruchirapally | 5.25 |
| 5. | ACC Ltd., Madukkarai. | Coimbatore | 5.20 |
| 6. | India Cement, Sankaridurg | Salem | 6.00 |
| 7. | India Cement, Sankarnagar | Annasalai | 9.13 |
| 8. | Madras Cements, Tulukapatti | Kamarajar | 5.25 |
| | | Total | 45.83 |
| | | TOTAL SOUTH | 208.28 |
| | | GRAND TOTAL | 598.34 |

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to know from the hon. Minister, the amount of assistance the central Government proposes to provide to new units to solve the problem of cement shortage.

[*English*]

PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Sir, at present there is no shortage of cement in the country. The problem is that of supply, because most of the cement factories are located in States like Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu etc., where the raw materials are available. In the North Eastern region, cement factories are less in number and the supply of cement to that area is the problem. We have some infrastructural constraints there, especially that of wagons. We are not getting enough wagons and the Government is taking all possible measures to ensure supply of cement to far-flung areas like North Eastern region and Eastern region so that prices can be stabilised.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: I need your protection. The hon. Minister says that there is no shortage of cement in the country and that the problem is that of supply. He attributes the faulty distribution system to the short supply of cement to far-flung

areas. Which Department is responsible for this? If there is no shortage of cement, then why cement prices are skyrocketing. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government proposes to arrest the price-rise and make cement available to the common man at reasonable rates. Has it drawn any plan in this regard?

MR. SPEAKER: You have asked four or five questions in one go. You ask one question and he will reply.

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : He is answering all of them.

[*English*]

PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Sir, the Government is taking all possible measures to ensure that the price is reduced. But the hon. Member must be aware that the price depends upon the cost of production also. Recently, the BICP has conducted a study and found that the cost of production per bag is Rs. 102/- and in the light of that, we should assess the price. The main problem is with regard to transportation which we are trying to solve. We have already called a meeting of the manufacturers and we have asked them to reduce the price of cement to the extent possible. At the same time, the hon. Member should be aware that we need another 25 million tonnes of cement for the next five years. So, we want more investment in this sector. Our first consideration is that the unit should be viable. At the same time, by managing the supply, it should be made available cheapest to the consumers as far as possible and for that, the Government is taking all possible measures.

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the past many years, we have had a dual policy with regard to cement. Levy cement was made available to the poor, the common man who required ten or fifteen bags and the big builders and contractors who needed large quantities and there were separate prices for them both. However, it is not known under what pressure the Government replaced the dual policy with a uniform policy. I would like to know from the hon. Minister the terms that made the Government succumb to the counsels of the factory owners and what about the assurances given by factory owners that there won't be any price-rise, if the dual policy is abolished?

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, Mr. Khurana, Please come to the question.

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, my question is that why is it that the prices are going up even after abolition of the dual policy?

[*English*]

SHRI P. J. KURIEN : The hon. Member may be aware that at present cement is not a controlled commodity. There is no price control. It is not a controlled commodity.

Secondly, levy system was there at one time. But that system also did not work well. Therefore, ultimately the cement did not reach the poor man because most of the levy cement was used by Government companies and contractors etc. The benefits actually did not reach the poor to whom it was meant. Therefore, Government did not consider that imposing levy is in the interest of the consumer.